

Fund for Veterans' Assistance**2018-19 General Assistance, Veterans Mental Health, Housing 4 Texas Heroes, and Veterans Treatment Court Grants****Addendum I – Questions Received as of September 21, 2017**

	Question Received	Answer
1	<p>We are interested in if a government transportation agency can apply for funding under Veterans Mental Health grants, possibly in partnership with a Mental Health provider, to provide transportation specifically to bring veteran/dependents to Mental Health appointments/services. This would seem to be allowed under “non-clinical support services.”, as listed on your web-site</p> <p>We are also interested in if a government transportation agency can apply for Veterans Court grant in partnership with a County to provide transportation specifically to get Veterans to Veterans Court.</p>	<p>The 2018-19 Veterans Mental Health Grant Request for Applications defines “Non-Clinical Support Services” as “Mental health services provided by a non-licensed mental health professional. Services may include, but are not limited to therapeutic equine, canine or other animal therapy, music, play or dance therapy, personal improvement workshops.” Transportation is not a mental health service.</p> <p>The 2018-19 Veterans Treatment Court Grant Request for Applications states that the grant is for “Veteran Treatment Court programs established under Texas Government Code § 124.001-.006” Transportation is not a Veteran Treatment Court program.</p> <p>The 2018-19 General Assistance Grant Request for Applications lists “Transportation” as one of the service categories for proposed projects and your project description can define what or where your transportation will take eligible clients which could include to/from mental health appointments or to/from Veteran Treatment Courts.</p>
2	<p>I'd like to inquire with the TVC if grants/funding/support might be available for a Veteran-centric, Student Organization that can garner participation and a supportive atmosphere for the students who are Veterans, related to a Veteran, or would like to support the Veterans by participating in a social, and somewhat athletic group.</p>	<p>The purpose of Fund for Veterans' Assistance is to make reimbursement grants to address the needs of veterans and their families. Each currently open Request for Applications section entitled “Purpose and Overview” defines and provides some examples of veterans' needs that could be met by projects selected for a grant.</p> <p>To determine if the organization you describe is eligible, please review the 2018-19 Request for Applications section on Eligible Applicants which lists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Units of local government;2. IRS Code § 501(c)(19) Posts or organizations of past or present members of the Armed Forces;3. IRS Code § 501(c)(3) private nonprofit organizations authorized to do business in Texas;4. Texas chapters of IRS Code § 501(c)(4) Veterans service organizations; or

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		<p>5. Non-profit organizations authorized to do business in Texas with experience providing services to Veterans.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Is there a minimum time period an organization must be in existence to qualify for this grant?</p> <p>Similar question</p> <p>How long does a 501(c)3 need to be in operation before being eligible for a grant?</p>	<p>There is no minimum time that an organization has to be in existence or in operation to apply for an FVA grant, however, we have seen new organizations have difficulty providing non-profit status documentation (IRS Letter of Determination), organization-specific written policies and procedures and sufficient financial statements required to support the application.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Is a company allowed to apply for both the 2018-2019 Veterans Mental Health Grant and the 2018-2019 General Assistance Grant or are we limited to choosing one?</p>	<p>There is no prohibition against having an FVA Veterans Mental Health grant and an FVA General Assistance grant at the same time. Organizations submitting applications for different grant programs should ensure the projects and budgets are separate, distinct and de-conflicted.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Does this grant opportunity allow for the new construction of affordable homes? Are funds specifically earmarked for modification/rehabilitation of existing homes?</p>	<p>Per the Request for Applications, Section J. Prohibited Uses of Funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction – per Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, Part 15, Section 460.10(4) acquisition or construction of facilities, except for grant funds awarded under the H4TXH program, is prohibited. <p>Housing for Texas Heroes grants fund construction as it relates to the service category “Home Modification,” not new construction.</p>

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6	On page 9 of the RFA, Section H, the specific funding amounts include \$250,000. However, in the Application, page 3, that value is not included in the drop down menu. Is \$250,000 an allowable request?	\$250,000 is an allowable request and was inadvertently omitted from the application drop down. Our application has been updated on the website, please visit and download it again.
7	Will we be able to reapply or renew this funding once the grant period ends?	FVA grants are for 12 months and do not renew. Grantees can submit a new grant application each grant cycle.